

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 20, 2002  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Degginger, Councilmembers Creighton, Davidson, Lee, and Noble

ABSENT: Councilmember Mosher

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Marshall, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the Deputy City Clerk, all Councilmembers except Mr. Mosher were present. Deputy Mayor Degginger led the flag salute.

(a) Proclaiming June 22 and 23 as 24-Hour Relay Challenge Days

Helena Stephens, Teen Services Program Administrator, introduced Samantha Cassady, Angie Huang, and Ken Wong. Ms. Cassady, Ms. Huang, and Robert Whittlesey are youth relay directors for this year's 24-Hour Relay Challenge. Mr. Wong, Robb Ott, and Jan Still are adult relay directors. Ms. Cassady invited Council to participate in the relay event on June 22-23. Mr. Wong said more than 30 businesses and organizations are helping to sponsor the event. Activities scheduled for the 24-Hour Relay Challenge include a climbing wall, late night poetry workshop, 24-hour reading tent, 24-hour massage tent, community providers fair on Saturday afternoon, arts and crafts, and a 24-hour community service tent. On behalf of the event's steering committee, Mr. Wong thanked City Council for its support.

Mayor Marshall read a proclamation declaring June 22-23 as Bellevue's fourth annual 24-Hour Relay Challenge Days.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Leslie Lloyd, representing Bellevue Downtown Association, expressed support for the Downtown Implementation Plan Citizen Advisory Committee. She feels the CAC fairly

represents both business and residential interests. Ms. Lloyd noted that capacity could be added to Bellevue Way in the form of bus/carpool lanes, subway trains, and other options. She said there is a diversity of opinion within the BDA, and the BDA is not trying to impose street widening on the neighborhoods. However, the BDA would like more information on potential alternatives for the long-term future of the community. Ms. Lloyd discussed the importance of improving regional transportation corridors in order to prevent spillover traffic into Bellevue neighborhoods and streets. She feels the community must work together to identify and implement solutions.

- (b) Graciela Lange asked Council to consider funding an advocacy program to educate residents on how to access available resources addressing legal, educational, social, and recreational needs. She described problems in low income housing and suggested the City conduct random site visits of such housing to proactively enforce the City Code.
- (c) Bernie Goddard expressed opposition to the Downtown Implementation Plan Citizen Advisory Committee's proposal to widen Bellevue Way. He said the City agreed 20 years ago to leave neighborhood streets alone when citizens agreed to allow urban development in the 12-block area of downtown.
- 4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions: None.
- 5. Report of the City Manager: None.
- 6. Council Business
  - ➡ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to appoint Fred Lisaius to fill the unexpired portion of Julie Rackley's term on the Arts Commission, which expires on May 31, 2004. Mr. Lee seconded the motion.
  - ➡ The motion to appoint Fred Lisaius to the Arts Commission carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Marshall thanked Ms. Rackley for her service to the community.

Dr. Davidson attended meetings of the Probation Board, the Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8) Forum, and the regional Water Purveyors Committee. He participated in the child safety fair at Factoria Mall on Saturday.

Mr. Creighton encouraged Council and staff to start planning for the City's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2003.

Mr. Noble represented Council at the kickoff meeting for the Eastside Human Services Forum and attended the graduation ceremony for Advance Bellevue.

Mr. Lee attended the Highland Community Center's performance of "Damn Yankees."

Mayor Marshall continues to attend meetings related to regional transportation planning.

7. Approval of the Agenda

➡ Mr. Creighton moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

➡ Mr. Lee moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of January 24-26, 2002 Council Retreat  
Minutes of April 29, 2002 Special Meeting
- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending May 10, 2002, and payroll for the period April 16 through April 30, 2002.
- (c) Resolution No. 6697 authorizing execution of service agreements for an estimated combined annual cost of \$200,000 with Olympus Press and Emerald City Graphics for offset-press printing work.
- (d) Motion to award Bid No. 0225 for construction of improvements to Factoria Boulevard in the amount of \$3,582,341.45 to KLB Construction as low bidder. (CIP Plan No. PW-R-116)
- (e) Motion to award Bid No. 0223 for non-motorized construction improvements to Lake Washington Boulevard in the amount of \$1,748,410 to Westwater Construction as low bidder.
- (f) SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction (CIP Plan No. PW-M-10)
  - 1. Resolution No. 6698 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with KPFF Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$87,380 to provide on-call engineering support services for review of project submittals, engineering changes, and the oversight of the abatement of contaminated soils.
  - 2. Resolution No. 6699 authorizing execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$140,000 to provide construction management and inspection services.
- (g) Ordinance No. 5370 authorizing and providing for the acquisition of interests in land for the purpose of improvements to 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE between NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street as part of the Bellevue Downtown Access Project; providing

for condemnation, appropriation, taking and damaging of land and property rights necessary therefore; providing for the cost thereof and directing the initiation of appropriate proceedings in the manner provided by law for said condemnation.  
(CIP Plan No. PW-I-46)

9. Public Hearings

(a) 2003-2004 Budget and 2003-2009 Capital Investment Program Plan

Gary Ameling, Interim Finance Director, explained that tonight is the first of three public hearings on the City's 2003-2004 Budget and 2003-2009 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. Although state law requires only one public hearing, the City has a long tradition of providing additional opportunities for public input into the budget process. The second public hearing will be held on September 9, before the preliminary budget is presented to Council.

➡ Dr. Davidson moved to open the public hearing, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to open the public hearing carried by a vote of 6-0.

The following citizens came forward to comment on the 2003-2004 Budget and the 2003-2009 CIP Plan:

- (1) Patti Skelton, Director of Youth Eastside Services, asked Council to keep human services as a high priority in ongoing budget discussions. She said local providers are facing significant funding cuts from county and state sources. YES is part of a consortium that serves the largest number of children needing mental health services in King County. YES has been told to expect a potential 30 percent decrease in funding next year. At the same time, demand for services continues to increase and youths typically experience a 2-week to 5-week waiting period to receive services. She noted that this year United Way funded most Eastside agencies at the previous year's funding level and extra contributions were allocated to the south end of King County.
- (2) Lynne Allison, Arts Commissioner, encouraged the City to develop a Cultural Plan that will guide future planning and assist in solidifying neighborhood cultural identities. The Plan would define the City's role as the cultural center of the Eastside, identify priorities and project partners, and aid in the implementation of projects and initiatives. Ms. Allison invited Council and the public to the opening of the Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition at Meydenbauer Center on June 21.
- (3) Samson Ayele and Sherry Grindeland, Bellevue Youth Link, said a top priority identified in the recent Youth Involvement Conference is the need for a teen center. Mr. Ayele read a letter from a teenage friend living south of I-90 requesting a teen center with the following features: facility for live music performances, recording studio, pool tables, basketball gym, rock climbing or other special activities, and a place for skate boarding.

- (4) Nina Auerbach, Child Care Resources, thanked Council for its ongoing commitment to youth priorities and child care subsidies. She described state and county budget cuts to child care programs as well as training programs for parents receiving subsidized child care. The City of Seattle is planning to cut its human services budget by 9 to 15 percent. Ms. Auerbach said child care programs are needed to enable parents to work.
- (5) Nona Eschbach expressed concern about the soggy circular park by Penney's. She requested an explanation of the sewer and drainage charge on her utility bill, which exceeds the charge for water. She hopes Bellevue will take over King County's parks and playfields. She expressed concern about local schools and air pollution, particularly diesel soot. She encouraged the City to work on water issues related to the north fork of the Snoqualmie River.

Mayor Marshall asked staff to respond to Ms. Eschbach's inquiry.

- (6) Thomas Wilson, Catholic Community Services Eastside Family Center, said there is an immediate need for funding to assist families with food, shelter, and other basic necessities. He said per capita expenditures from the City are somewhat low considering the Eastside Family Center served more than 900 Bellevue residents last year. Mr. Wilson asked Council to reconsider funding levels for the poor. He distributed a handout of statistics reflecting the number of people requesting help who are turned away because of funding shortfalls.
- (7) Steve McGraw and Pearl Houlihan, The Children's Museum, described their desire to open a Children's Museum in Bellevue. They requested \$450,000 from the City toward this goal, which represents 10 percent of the total funds to be raised.
- (8) John Sheeran, Vice President of the Bellevue Philharmonic Board, said the orchestra is the largest and possibly the oldest (34 years) performing arts organization in Bellevue. He thanked the City for its ongoing support.
- (9) John Matheson, President of the Bellevue Philharmonic Board, requested \$200,000 in the City's budget for performing arts to match the \$200,000 allocated to visual arts. He thanked Council and the Arts Commission for their ongoing support.
- (10) Fusao Kajima, Music Director, Bellevue Philharmonic, thanked Council for its past support. He described the need for continued support to build an even stronger orchestra for the community. He said the Philharmonic provides educational programs at no cost to local schools.
- (11) Barbara George, Executive Director, Bellevue Philharmonic, thanked Council for its support of a performing arts center. The Bellevue Philharmonic looks forward to working with the City to address line item funding for the new center, which will become the orchestra's new home.

- (12) Lana Kuxhausen, Bellevue School District, said Bellevue helps to fund four Family Connection Centers operated at local schools. She noted that 16 percent of all Bellevue students receive free or reduced-price lunches. The Family Connection Centers help to connect low-income and homeless students and their families with organizations offering assistance. She thanked Council for its support and requested continued support.
- (13) Sue Hanlon, Bellevue School District, is a district volunteer coordinator with the VIBES volunteer program. VIBES is an in-school, one-on-one mentoring and tutoring program available to all students in the district. One-third of all Bellevue students have contact with a VIBES mentor and 65 percent of the program's volunteers are Bellevue residents. She thanked Council for its support and requested continued support.
- (14) Craig Chang, Factoria Mall, thanked the City for its investments in the Factoria area including the Police substation, support of the Child Safety Fair, and transportation improvements. He asked Council to continue its attention to maintaining the vitality and accessibility of the Factoria area. Mr. Chang asked Council to fund \$65,000-70,000 in the 2003-2004 budget for the next Factoria Area Transportation Study. He asked the City to consider implementing through the Capital Investment Program (CIP) some of the recommendations from the 1996 Factoria Area Transportation Study.
- (15) David Brown, Executive Director, Pacific Northwest Ballet, said the organization is currently expanding its Eastside location. He said approximately 30 percent of the Ballet's audience base and 40 percent of its Trustee base lives on the Eastside. Mr. Brown requested funding from the City to assist in the renovation of the Ballet's new facility in Bellevue.
- (16) Linda Olsen, Executive Director, Eastside Domestic Violence Program, thanked Council and the Bellevue Police Department for their support over the past 20 years. She expressed concern about potential funding cuts from King County and noted that the program turns away approximately six people for every one it serves due to budget restrictions. Ms. Olsen thanked Bellevue for its leadership in human services and Councilmember Noble for representing Council on the Eastside Human Services Forum.
- (17) Karl Thunemann, Board of Trustees Chair, Eastside Heritage Center, said the Center was formed by the merger of Bellevue Historical Society and Marymoor Museum with the long-term goal of building a new museum. He described the Center's educational programs and requested \$15,000 in funding for next year. Mr. Thunemann invited Council and the public to the Strawberry Festival at the Winters House on June 20.
- (18) Samantha Cassady requested Council support for a teen center housing music, a teen café, and late-night activities.
- (19) Ronda Marsh, Eastside Adult Day Services, said the agency serves 189 adults daily at its Bellevue and Issaquah centers, including 80 Bellevue residents. She thanked Council for its ongoing support and requested continued funding in the 2003-2004 budget.

- (20) Jasmine Sabeti, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Odle Middle School, requested a teen center and skate park in south Bellevue. She asked Council to continue to fund the 24-Hour Relay Challenge in the upcoming budget because it provides an opportunity for youth and adults to interact in a positive environment.
- (21) Jonathan Lee, a senior at Interlake High School and president of the Key Club, asked Council to provide a teen center. He said Bellevue youth want more places to be productive and more opportunities to expand their horizons and be better citizens. He thanked Council for funding youth programs and for considering his request.
- ☛ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to close the public hearing, and Dr. Davidson seconded the motion.
- ☛ The motion to close the public hearing carried by a vote of 6-0.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
12. Unfinished Business: None.
13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
14. New business: None.
15. Executive Session: None.
16. Adjournment

At 9:27 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared a break before returning to the Study Session.

Michelle Murphy  
Deputy City Clerk

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